

HOW TO COMPLETE APPLICATION FOR WELL VARIANCE

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If a new house or business building is being constructed you will need to apply for a zoning septic, and well permit all at the same time. See "Combined Application for Zoning, Septic and Well Permits" form.

1. **OWNER, TELEPHONE, ADDRESS:** Name, current telephone number (**number where the owner can be reached between 8:00 A.M. & 4:30 P.M.**) and current mailing address of the owner of the property.
2. **JOB SITE ADDRESS:** Address of the property where the proposed work is going to take place. If this address is the same as the current mailing address check the box "*μ Same As Above*". If the proposed construction is for a new house or business, check the box "*μ To be assigned by the Planning Department*". *The address for a new structure is assigned based on where your driveway intersects the County Road. Therefore, you will need to provide us with the distance of the centerline of your driveway from a side lot line.*
3. **CIVIL TOWNSHIP:** Name of the township where the subject property is located. Example: Lake, Lewis, Garner, York, Center, etc.
4. **LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** Legal description of the subject property, which can be taken from your tax statement or the deed for the property. Check the box "*μ Per Attachment*" and include a copy of the deed with the application if the legal description is lengthy.
5. **DRILLER, DRILLER'S REGISTRATION #:** Name, and County registration # of the Iowa registered well driller if known at the time of application. The driller can give you their State registration number or you can get it from a list available at the Pottawattamie County, Iowa, Planning and Development office.

SIGNATURE: Property owner should sign and date.
6. **MEASUREMENTS FROM SOURCES OF CONTAMINATION:** Complete as indicated. Be sure to include **ALL** sources onsite and offsite.
7. **EXPLANATION OF NEED FOR VARIANCE:** Give written explanation as to reasons for the need for variance being applied for.
8. **ALTERNATIVE AREA FOR WELL:** Complete as indicated. Give explanation why alternative area would not be appropriate.
9. **EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED VARIANCE:** Give written explanation of proposed variance.

SIGNATURE: Well driller should sign and date.
10. through 13. of this application will be completed by a Pottawattamie County, Iowa, official.

NOTE: The data contained in this document is for reference purposes only. For the specific regulations, you should refer to the Pottawattamie County, Iowa, Code. Data contained in this document is subject to change without further notice to recipients of this document.

**POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY, IOWA, APPLICATION
FOR PRIVATE WATER WELL VARIANCE**

GENERAL INFORMATION

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY PROPERTY OWNER

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| 1. PROPERTY OWNER: | | | Telephone: | |
| Address: | | | | |
| 2. JOB SITE ADDRESS: | <small>μ Same as Above #1</small> | <small>μ To be assigned by the Planning Department</small> | | |
| 3. CIVIL TOWNSHIP: | | | | |
| 4. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: | <small>μ Per Attachment</small> | | | |
| 5. DRILLER: | | | Registration Number: | |

I the undersigned certify that the above information is true and correct.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____
Type or Print name: _____

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED VARIANCE

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY WELL DRILLER

| 6. Provide measurements from the well from the following: | | | | | |
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| Sources of Contamination | Minimum Lateral Distance (Feet) Shallow Well | Minimum Lateral Distance (Feet) Deep Well | Proposed Separation Distance (Feet) (Approximate but no less than Minimum ONSITE | Proposed Separation Distance (Feet) (Approximate but no less than Minimum OFFSITE | Proposed Variance |
| Formed manure storage structure, confinement building, feedlot solids settling facility, open feed lot | 200' | 100' | | | |
| Public Water Supply Well | 400' | 200' | | | |
| Earthen manure storage basin, runoff control basins and anaerobic lagoons | 1,000' | 1,000' | | | |
| Domestic wastewater lagoons | 400' | 400' | | | |
| Sanitary landfills | 1,000' | 1,000' | | | |
| Preparation or storage areas for spray materials, commercial fertilizers or chemicals that may result in groundwater contamination | 100' | 100' | | | |
| Drainage wells | 1,000' | 1,000' | | | |
| Conforming wells | 10' | 10' | | | |
| Nonconforming wells | 100' | 100' | | | |
| Soil absorption field, any sewage treatment system with an open discharge, pit privy or septic tank discharge line | 100' | 100' | | | |
| Septic Tank, concrete vault privy, sewer of tightly joined tile or equivalent material, sewer-connected foundation drain or sewers under pressure | 50' | 50' | | | |
| Sewer of cast iron with leaded or mechanical joints, sewer of plastic pipe with glued or compression joints, independent clear water drains, cisterns, well pits, or pump house floor drains | 10' | 10' | | | |
| Hydrants | 10' | 10' | | | |
| Property lines | 4' | 4' | | | |
| Liquid hydrocarbon storage tanks | 100' | 100' | | | |
| Ditches, streams, ponds or lakes | 25' | 25' | | | |
| 7. Please explain why a variance is needed for this property? | | | | | |
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EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED VARIANCE

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY WELL DRILLER

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| 8. Is there an area on this property that meets all of the separation distances? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | If yes, please explain why is area is not suitable for the proposed well. |
| _____ _____ | | |
| 9. Please explain the details of the proposed well variance? | _____ | |
| _____ _____ | | |
| _____ | | |

I the undersigned certify that the above information is true and correct.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____
 Type or Print name: _____

10. ATTACHED TO THIS APPLICATION IS THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION AND/OR ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Site Plan (See Example) μ
- B. Application for permit for well and filing fee μ
- C. Filing fee for well variance μ